



**TESTIMONY  
OF THE  
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES  
TO THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before this joint committee on issues of concern to towns and cities.

**HB 5293                    "An Act Authorizing Bonds for the State for Regional Fire Schools"**

This bill would authorize bonding for capital improvements to Connecticut's regional fire schools.

**CCM supports HB 5293.**

Despite the State's current fiscal crisis – it is imperative that the State continue to support fundamental programs such as regional training infrastructure improvements. Fire emergencies do not subside because of a recession or deficits. It is essential that our hometown fire departments – volunteer and paid – are equipped with adequate training resources, in good times and bad.

Simply put, HB 5293 is a necessary bill. Faced with increasing public safety demands and declining federal resources - the State needs to make a stronger commitment to funding local first responders.

CCM urges the committee to **favorably report HB 5293.**



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